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Just a Word . . .

by Fr. Harvey

"Deacon Kerner's Ordination---
A Dream Realized"

". . .I pray that the decision and the dream, hoped for a year ago, will someday be realized." These words, about to be fulfilled this coming Friday, are the concluding words of an English essay written by Deacon Kerner when he was a freshman in college, having just begun his seminary studies.

I am taking the liberty to "lift" sections of Terry's essay, even though it is rather personal, because he very really and humanly relates his experience of the divine call he solemnly answers this Friday evening as he is ordained a priest among the people who helped nurture that call.

In the essay (recently discovered among the Kerner memorabilia), Terry writes, *"Discovering one's vocation can at times, for young people, become somewhat difficult. The goals and purposes of life can sometimes become distorted and tilted. I found this to be the case in my own life. But one will discover that there are always signs to follow and opportunities to be taken advantage of if a person will only look for them.*

. . .My Senior year (high school) was the time to reexamine myself to see where I was headed and what my vocation in life was to be. The idea of a vocation to the priesthood was present in grade school; in fact I had even considered entering the seminary after eighth grade, but I was advised by a priest in the parish not to at such an early age. The idea cropped up once in-a-while in high school, but somehow it had lost its original appeal. In my last year of high school, I found myself without a real definite goal or ambition in life. It was not until the second semester of that year that I came to realize what my life work was intended to be. A misinterpretation and noncompliance with a certain school rule gave me three days probation from school. Spending these days at home gave me plenty of time to think, and thus to break the state of lethargy in which I had found myself. I had learned a little more about life. Next came the annual retreat to which I went with the feeling that I did have a definite purpose in life, but, unable to determine what that purpose was and what form it was to take.

I had always felt that the training in personal responsibility and a little above average marks did more or less set the stage for a vocation in my life, but still I was unable to be sure.

With the retreat, I had accomplished something very important. I had realized that I did have a vocation to the priesthood. Now it was only a matter of forms to be filled out, interviews, tests and a summer school course in Latin to be taken.

For me, my Senior year, and specifically, the second semester was a time of great awakening. Seminary-life and I get along quite well and everyday I pray that the decision and the dream, hoped for a year ago, will someday be realized."

The fulfillment of a dream is a sacred moment. We rejoice with Terry and his parents, Laverne and Mil Kerner, his brother, Tom and sister, Diane that we are able to share this sacred moment together. Personally, Terry's ordination means a great deal to me. While still in the seminary, I recall the day I met the Kerner family through Terry and received my first introduction to Ypsilanti. Terry was the commentator for my own First Mass. And little did I know that day that we would soon meet again. A week following my First Mass, I received my appointment to St. John's and "Kerner" was still the only name I could associate with Ypsilanti. (The name "King" soon became happily familiar thereafter.)

We hope that many of you, especially the younger members of our parish, will be able to join us for the Holy Hour of Prayer this coming Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. as we pray for Terry as well as for other young men and women in our parish who may be experiencing the awakening moments of a call to the priesthood or religious life.

All parishioners are invited to share the joy of Fr. Kerner's First Mass on Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. A Parish reception will follow the Mass. Congratulations, Terry!!!

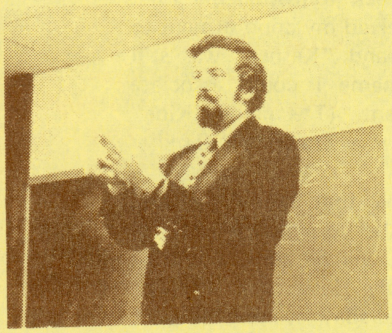
A BOY PRIEST?

After reading the preceding article, this photograph needs little identification. It looks like our priest-to-be was set to go years ago as he poses before a classroom's altar while an elementary student in St. John's School. In the above essay, Terry did mention that the thought of a priestly vocation was present while he was in grade

school. Can there be much doubt? This Friday, the "playing-priest" will become a priest that plays for real.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning February 16th there will be a Scripture Course sponsored by the Education Commission of our Parish. Father Robert Kerr will share his beautiful Hebrew understanding of Scripture with us.



Father Robert Kerr has generously consented to teach a Scripture Series not only because of his interest in Adult Education but also because of the deep appreciation he has for St. John's Parish in starting and supporting the Newman Center. Father Kerr does not come to us wanting in any of the areas of Scripture. He has an AB from Sacred Heart Seminary, three years of Scripture at St. John's Theological Seminary and is presently working on an MA in Theology and an MA in Religious Education at Loyola University in Chicago. Father has taught in Adult Education at St. Genevieve in Livonia and St. Mary's in Adrian. He has lectured in Scripture at Adrian College and is presently conducting a Scripture Course at the Newman Center.

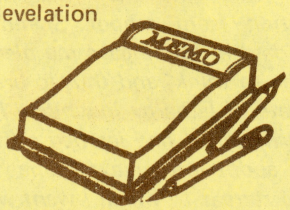
WHY TAKE A SCRIPTURE COURSE?. . .Since the heart of our faith is from scripture and we as adults have had so very little of it. The Bible was not a priority in our studies and we find ourselves going to the Bible to search for our answers. The Scripture Course will enable us to know the plan of Salvation. . .What is God?. . .How does God intervene in our lives today?. . .How do we respond to God? The Scripture Course will enable us to have a deeper understanding of the Word of God alive and acting in our lives today. The Liturgy of the Word at Mass will take on an added dimension to our community worship.

SCRIPTURE COURSE — WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — BEGINNING February 16, 1972 - 8:00 P.M. or 10:00 A.M. for the Housewives - St. John's Religion Center.

SCRIPTURE —
A STUDY OF ST. PAUL

TOPICS:

- Acts of the Apostles
- Epistle to Galatians
- Faith, Freedom and Law
- First Corinthians
- Pastoral Letters
- Revelation



...FROM THE SERVICE COMMISSION

For all those persons who, in any way, volunteered their services during the Time and Talent Survey, we, the Service Commission, are having our first meeting! This meeting will familiarize you with the structure of the Commission and also let you know of all the "behind the scenes" activity that is going on at the Parish level.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, February 21st and 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Center Library. Both evenings are duplicate meetings. This was done for your convenience. Attend the evening more convenient for you.

Mrs. Virginia Daniels and I are most grateful for your concern and availability. We are most anxious to see you in February.

Thank you,
Sister Carol Schlarman
Facilitator of the
Service Commission

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

On Saturday, January 22, 1972, the Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for Mrs. Winifred Downey who passed away at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helen Downey, 427 Perrin St. Mrs. Downey is survived by one son, Anthony, of Chicago and nine grandchildren. Burial for Mrs. Downey followed the Mass in St. John's Cemetery.

On Monday, January 24, 1972, a 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection celebrated the passing of Mrs. Ruth Riggs, age 79. Mrs. Riggs, a life-long member of St. John's Parish, is survived by five sons, Frank, Jack, Dick, Bob and Don, and three daughters, Mrs. Grace Langstaff, Mrs. Ruth Richards and Mrs. Rosemary Kelly. Burial took place in St. John's Cemetery.

At 11:30 a.m. Monday morning, the Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for Mr. Leo Blum, age 64, who passed away at the family home, 11 S. Summit St., on January 21.

Mr. Blum is survived by a brother, Oliver and a sister, Magdalen, both long time members of our parish. Burial for Mr. Blum took place in St. Mary Cemetery, Manchester.

Father Harvey was celebrant at the three funeral Masses which were sung by Sister Mary accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz as organist.

May they rest in peace.

PARISH CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, January 30
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Classes - Religion Center
- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Babysitting Services - Rm. 5 - Religion Center
- 7:00 p.m. Creative Liturgy

MONDAY, January 31
- Boy Scouts - Hall

TUESDAY, February 1
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Meeting - Rm. 9 - Religion Center
- 7:30 p.m. Convert Classes - Rectory - Deacon Ken

WEDNESDAY, February 2
- 8:00 p.m. First Communion Workshop for Parents - Center Library - THEME: "The Meaning of the Eucharist in our Lives Today" and "Celebration of the Eucharist"

THURSDAY, February 3
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir - Rm. 9 - Religion Center
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour preceeding Ordination

SUNDAY, February 6
- 2:00 p.m. First Mass - Fr. T. Kerner
- 8:00 p.m. High School Religion Classes - Religion Center

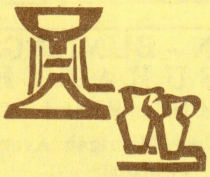
RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ypsilanti Recreation Department is offering chess instruction every Tuesday in the office conference room at 7:00 p.m. You and members of your organization are welcome to take part in this quiet and wholesome activity. You may also sign up for the ping-pong league. It only takes 2 players to make a team. You may sign up by calling 483-3054 or coming to the office at 214 N. Huron Street.

These are activities that will keep you mentally alert and physically fit.

NCCS ORIENTATION

The National Catholic Community Service is having an orientation program on February 5th from 1:30 to 4:40 at Veterans' Hospital. They need many volunteers both to work in the hospital and for their monthly coffee hours. Coffee hours are always held on the 4th Saturday of the month in the auditorium of the hospital from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you find yourself with some free time on Saturdays, why not look into this program and do what you can for your veterans.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 31, 1972
7:00 a.m. Walter A. Kempf, req. by Mary Carr
TUESDAY, February 1, 1972
7:00 a.m. Lerene Hutting, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hutting, Jr.
WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1972
7:00 a.m. Thomas O'Dea, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Maxe Obermeryer, Jr.
THURSDAY, February 3, 1972
7:00 a.m. John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by Jos. Nanry Family
FRIDAY, February 4, 1972
7:00 a.m. Anna Conner, req. by M. Helen Conner
SATURDAY, February 5, 1972
9:00 a.m. William Conner, req. by M. Helen Conner
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ray McConnel, req. by Jo Horn
SUNDAY, February 6, 1972
7:00 a.m. Al Walters, req. by Harold Hawks
9:00 a.m. Bruce Morrison, req. by The William McCarthy Family
11:00 a.m. Thomas O'Dea, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Maxe Obermeyer

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

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WEEK OF JANUARY 30

WEEKDAY MASSES	7:00 a.m.
WED. EVE. MASSES	7:00 p.m.
SAT. MORN. MASSES	9:00 a.m.

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
TEAM 1
Jim Sullivan & Peter Burgard
Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. - Wed. Eve.
TEAM 2
Tim Motto & John Baxter
Saturday, February 5
5:00 p.m. Jim Feuerstein & Jim Knowling
Sunday, February 6
7:00 a.m. Matt Koch & Tom Patchak
9:00 a.m. John Madigan & Gabriel Martinez
11:00 a.m. Mike & Frank Williams
7:00 p.m. Robert & James Eberts

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 5, 1972
5:00 p.m. . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, February 6, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . .V. Clyne
9:00 a.m. . . . . .D. Wagner
11:00 a.m. . . . . M. Anhut
7:00 p.m. . . . . Bob Walters

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 5, 1972
, 5:00 p.m. . . . . C. Budinger
SUNDAY, February 6, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . G. Butman
9:00 a.m. . . . . L. Sanford
11:00 a.m. . . . . W. Anhut
7:00 p.m. . . . . Karen Williams

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HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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